

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1085
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COAL MINING BY STATE PUBLIC SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to allow State Public Sector Undertakings to take up coal mining outside their State boundaries and sale in the open market anywhere ;
- (b) if so, whether the States having no substantial coal reserves can actually set up their own coal mining entities and start operations in coal rich States;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the assistance the Union Government is likely to provide to the States in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASAR1 NARAYANA RAO)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b)&(c) : Yes, Sir. The Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973 and the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 together with the Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, which govern coal and lignite mining, do not prohibit coal mining by the State Public Sector Undertakings of a State in the territory of another State.

(d) : The Central Government have identified and circulated a list of 28 blocks to the concerned Central Ministries and all the State Governments for eliciting the interest of their undertakings/companies to take up mining of coal.